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The Honorable Jeff Farrington
State Representative
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Chairman Farrington:

Business Leaders for Michigan (BLM), the state's business roundtable, supports Senate Bills 821-830. This package of bills improves upon the personal property tax reforms passed in 2012 to fully reimburse local governments from the phase-out of the personal property tax.

This tax on manufacturing equipment is a burden for the businesses that pay it and the local units of government that collect it, and both have said they would like to see it go away. For businesses, the tax discourages investing in the equipment and technology that will create more jobs. At the same time, businesses rely on their local communities to provide important public safety and other services. This package maximizes the replacement of lost revenue to ensure cities and metros will be able to continue to provide those services effectively and efficiently. This plan is a responsible way to make Michigan more competitive and encourage investment, job creation, and community vitality.

Again, we support this legislation, and we commend you, your fellow bill sponsors, and Lieutenant Governor Calley for putting forth this improved plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D Rothwell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Rothwell
President & CEO